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Public Comment Wanted for Draft Proposal of Arizona's Spousal Maintenance Guidelines

PHOENIX – The Arizona Supreme Court Family Court Improvement Committee's Spousal Maintenance Guidelines Subcommittee (SMGS) is hosting a townhall at 9 a.m. on Thursday, April 20 to give the public an opportunity to offer feedback on the inaugural spousal maintenance guidelines.

The public can review the [proposed guidelines](#), which are intended to provide more predictive spousal maintenance awards, on [the subcommittee's website](#). The subcommittee has also launched [a calculator](#) to help users determine more specific data for individual cases.

Judge Paul McMurdie, subcommittee chair, and the SMGS membership value meaningful input from the public and encourage anyone who would like to provide comment to attend the townhall in person or via conference call on April 20.

Anyone wishing to give feedback on the draft guidelines will be allotted five minutes to speak at the meeting, and can [sign up for a designated time slot on the SMGS website](#). If you are unable to attend the townhall or would like to provide written comments, you can do so on the website.

More information about the townhall and ways to offer comment are [available online](#).

The Family Court Improvement Committee (FCIC) is a standing committee of the Arizona Judicial Council and was created to assist in the development and implementation of policies designed to improve the quality of justice, access to family courts, and efficiency in court operations.

The FCIC-SMGS was established in July 2022 to study and make recommendations for the spousal maintenance guidelines. The FCIC was tasked with submitting a final report to the Arizona Judicial Council in their June 2023 meeting.

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